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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Wednesday, 1 November 2006

Security Council

4 p.m. Consultations of the whole (closed) Consultations Room
Côte d'Ivoire¹

¹ With a view to a formal meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3 p.m. 45th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of the International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [156]
 - (a) Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/509)
 - (b) Letter from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/548)
2. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103 (a)]

Security Council

The presidency of the Security Council for the month of November 2006 (Peru) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of November, on Thursday, 2 November 2006 at 12.30 p.m. following the consultations of the whole, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.



Security Council

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/sc/>), in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 July 2006 (S/2006/507). Copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas, as of Thursday, 2 November 2006.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

There will be a closed meeting of the Informal Working Group on Mandate Review on Friday, 3 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees**Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)**

5-6 p.m.

20th meeting

Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
(A/61/13, A/61/347, A/61/358, A/61/278 and A/61/172)

[31]

*General debate***Second Committee**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Conference Room 4

Panel discussion on the theme "Energy security and its implications for the future"

Panellists:

Dr. Daniel Yergin, Chairman and Co-Founder, Cambridge Energy Research Associates

Mr. Masanori Kobayashi, Senior Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan

Mr. Kui-nang Mak, Chief, Energy and Transport Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Moderator:

Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

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|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 35th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3–6 p.m. | 36th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
1. Promotion and protection of human rights (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280) [67]
 - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/61/211, A/61/267, A/61/281, A/61/287, A/61/289, A/61/306, A/61/311, A/61/312, A/61/324, A/61/325, A/61/338, A/61/340, A/61/348, A/61/352, A/61/353, A/61/384, A/61/464, A/61/465, A/61/476, A/61/506 and A/61/513)
 - (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/61/276, A/61/349, A/61/360, A/61/374, A/61/369, A/61/369/Corr.1, A/61/469, A/61/470, A/61/475, A/61/489, A/61/504 and A/61/526)

Conclusion of general discussion
 2. Report of the Human Rights Council (A/61/53, Supp. No. 53) [68]¹

General discussion

¹ See document A/C.3.61/1/Add.1.

Fifth Committee

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|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 14th meeting | Conference Room 3 |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
- Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201 and A/61/537) [123]
- Conclusion of general discussion*

Sixth Committee

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|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 18th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
- Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session (A/61/10) [78]

[*Note:* The list of speakers for agenda items 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels); and 33 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the

secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332, fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460, fax 1 (212) 963-1963)]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
1. Comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Steering Committee on the Comprehensive Review of Governance and Oversight within the United Nations and its Funds, Programmes and Specialized Agencies
 2. Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 69 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) and (d)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 69 and sub-items (a) and (d), chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held *today*, 1 November 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Second Committee

Informal “informal” consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities — International Year of Natural Fibres)

From 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda items 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin) and 57 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (a) (International Year on Forests)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6

Facilitator, (Argentina), under agenda item 69 (c) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D

Informal consultations convened by delegations**Wednesday, 1 November 2006****Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on missing persons, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

1.15–2.45 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

3–6 p.m.

Closed meeting

Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

3–6 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural understanding, dialogue and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (Culture of peace) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 1 November 2006

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

2–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)

9.15–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Group of 77 (on all remaining draft resolutions under sustainable development)

10–11.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

1.15–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on macroeconomic issues; financing for development; and strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed meeting

Economic and Social Council Chamber

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

12 noon - 1 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room 2

African Group, Group of Experts on Economic Matters

1.15 - 2.30 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room 7

ASEAN New York Committee (at the ambassadorial level)

3 - 6 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room B

Other activities

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Wednesday, 1 November 2006

High-level round table on "Assessing the UNCCD process and identifying challenges ahead", on the occasion of the celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (organized by the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Italy)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[The round table will be closed. For further information, please contact Ms. Frederika Teixeira (tel. 1 917 367-4081; e-mail teixeira2@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 1 November 2006

Room S-226

12 noon

Press briefing by the Spokesman

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule.

Today, 1 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8: English

Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: French

Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Russian

Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: Spanish

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 2 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.

46th plenary meeting

General Assembly Hall

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

[103 (b)]

(a) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/89)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/296)

Main Committees**Second Committee**

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities — International Year of Natural Fibres)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (e) (Integration of economies in transition into the world economy)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.15 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines) under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitators, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) and Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction - Natural disasters and vulnerability)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on “E-government as a tool for participation and inclusion” on Friday, 3 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Panel will address the opportunities and challenges of e-government, including its potential for citizen engagement and inclusive governance. It is also expected to highlight trends in e-government readiness and e-participation by reviewing existing approaches worldwide and analysing the structural and process changes associated with the concept, including its technological aspects. For further information, please visit <www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2008>.

The event, organized by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Thursday, 2 November (agenda item 67):

10 a.m.

Mr. Akich Okola (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi)

Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66):

10 a.m.

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 15th meeting on Thursday, 2 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 15th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism will meet on Friday, 3 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Sixth Committee will hold its 19th meeting, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group.

United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)**Executive Board**

Resumed third session

The resumed third session of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and extreme poverty, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 10 to 11.45 a.m. in Conference Room GA-37.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, under agenda item 65 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 1.15 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural understanding, dialogue and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (Culture of peace) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, under agenda item 108 (q) (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan)) (at the expert level)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9

Other forthcoming meetings

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Asian Group (Third Committee experts) (on the draft resolution on the membership of the Consultative Committee of UNIFEM) (convened by the Chair of the Consultative Committee (Jordan))

Thursday, 2 November 2006, at 9.15 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Group of the Least Developed Countries (consideration of the draft resolution under agenda item 56 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries); and others matters)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Economic and Social Council Chamber.

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

UNITAR briefing on "Operationalizing the Peacebuilding Commission"

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

Briefing for delegates on the United Nations Forum on Forests open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content on the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11-15 December 2006) (convened by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Forum Secretariat)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. at the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in English)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Sixth United Nations Inter-Agency Consultations (organized by UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties**French Seminar**

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

English Seminar

*Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and
Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.*

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "Intellectual property rights and development" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerry@state.gov).]

Presentation on "An innovative instrument for financing sustained growth: GDP linked bonds" (sponsored by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

Announcements**Security Council****Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (www.un.org/Docs/sc).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 31 October 2006

Security Council

5560th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2006/817)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/850, submitted by France, the Russian Federation, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/850) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/850) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1720 (2006).

Following the vote, the representatives of the United States, France and the United Kingdom made statements.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

44th plenary meeting

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/547) [133]

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the report of the Fifth Committee that was before it.

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/61/547) (resolution 61/9).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 103.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to the forty-second round of balloting (twentieth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the forty-second round of balloting (twentieth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers
Number of invalid ballots
Number of valid ballots
Abstentions
Required two-thirds majority

Guatemala
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Uruguay

On the forty-second round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-third round of balloting (twenty-first unrestricted ballot).

The results of the forty-third round of balloting (twenty-first unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers
Number of invalid ballots
Number of valid ballots
Abstentions
Required two-thirds majority

Guatemala
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Ecuador
Jamaica

On the forty-third round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-fourth round of balloting (twenty-second restricted ballot).

The results of the forty-fourth round of balloting (twenty-second restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	190
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number of valid ballots	189
Abstentions	7
Required two-thirds majority	122
	<i>Votes</i>
Guatemala	106
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	76

On the forty-fourth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-fifth round of balloting (twenty-third restricted ballot).

The results of the forty-fifth round of balloting (twenty-third restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	190
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number of valid ballots	189
Abstentions	7
Required two-thirds majority	122
	<i>Votes</i>
Guatemala	104
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	78

On the forty-fifth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-sixth round of balloting (twenty-fourth restricted ballot).

The results of the forty-sixth round of balloting (twenty-fourth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	188
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	188
Abstentions	8
Required two-thirds majority	120
	<i>Votes</i>
Guatemala	101
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	79

On the forty-sixth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-seventh round of balloting (twenty-second unrestricted ballot).

The results of the forty-seventh round of balloting (twenty-second unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	190
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number of valid ballots	189
Abstentions	7
Required two-thirds majority	122
	<i>Votes</i>
Guatemala	101
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	78
Barbados	1
Ecuador	1
Uruguay	1

On the forty-seventh round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

There remained one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to be filled.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

19th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [31]

The Commissioner-General made a statement.

Interactive dialogue

The Committee held an interactive dialogue with the Commissioner-General and heard questions and comments by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel, Senegal, Lebanon and the Sudan.

The representative of Norway, in her capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, introduced the report of the Working Group, as contained in document A/61/347.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Bangladesh, Cuba, Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic, Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Moldova) and Tunisia.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee decided to set the deadline for draft resolutions under agenda items 31 and 32 for Thursday, 2 November, at 4 p.m.

The Chairman reminded the delegations that the list of speakers would be closed at 6 p.m. on that day, 31 October.

Fifth Committee

13th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chief of Service III of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/377).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/61/523).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 31 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Marc-Aubin Banny (Côte d'Ivoire).

Sixth Committee

16th-17th meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session [78]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 78.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jordan, India and Cuba. The representative of the observer delegation of the European Commission also made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made a statement introducing Chapters VIII and IX of the report of the Commission.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Mexico, Austria, the Netherlands, Canada, China, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Italy, France, the United States, Poland and Israel.

The Special Rapporteur on the topic "Reservations to treaties" made a statement.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

231st meeting

Election of a Vice-Chairperson

The Chairman made a statement, followed by statements from the representatives of Cyprus, Mali, the United States and Côte d'Ivoire.

Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee (A/AC/154/2006/CRP.1)

The Chairman made a statement.

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report.

The Facilitator made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Mali.

The draft report was then adopted by the Committee.

Corrigendum

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 31st meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2006/207, p. 21): the second paragraph under "Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.5/Rev.1" *should read* as follows:

The representative of South Africa announced that Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and orally revised and corrected the text.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

*European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).
Geneva, 19 January 1996*

Proposal of amendments to the AGN Agreement

Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. Geneva, 6 April 1974

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)¹

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: United States of America (30 October 2006)¹

*Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or
Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be
Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28
November 2003*

Consent to be bound: France (31 October 2006)¹

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

To be announced

Asian States:

Pakistan

H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:

Bulgaria

H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:

El Salvador

H.E. Mrs. Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:

Luxembourg

H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 31 October 2006.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Main title</i>
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- A/61/18 Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination — Sixty-eighth session (20 February-10 March 2006) — Sixty-ninth session (31 July-8 August 2006) — Supplement No. 18 [A C E F R S]
- A/61/35 Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People — Supplement No. 35 [A C E F R S]
- A/61/PV.7 Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 10 a.m. [S]
- A/61/PV.9 Meeting held on 19 September 2006, 9 a.m. [E]

Disarmament Commission

- A/CN.10/PV.269 Meeting held on 10 April 2006, 10 a.m. [R]

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- A/61/526 Item 67 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Uzbekistan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/61/533 Item 44 — Culture of peace — Identical letters dated 16 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
- A/61/534 Items 7 and 11 — Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee — Prevention of armed conflict — Identical letters dated 3 October 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Burkina Faso, El Salvador, the Gambia, Honduras, Malawi, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Nicaragua, Palau, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Swaziland and Tuvalu to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
- A/61/543-S/2006/852 Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 27 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- A/61/547 Item 133 — Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
- A/61/548 Item 156 — Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Letter dated 13 October 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
- A/61/L.9/Add.1 Item 81 — 79-Power draft resolution — Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [A C E F R S]
- A/61/L.10 Item 18 — One-Power draft resolution — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/61/L.16

Item 53 (a) — Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Program for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit Sustainable Development — 14-Power draft resolution — International Year of Sanitation [A C E F R S]

Security Council**Documents**

S/2006/784

Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Identical letters dated 27 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire

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Note verbale dated 20 October 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council**Documents**

**United Nations Forum on Forests
Open-ended ad hoc expert group on
the consideration of the content of
the non-legally binding instrument
on all types of forests**

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Tasks of the ad hoc expert group — Developing a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

**Convention on the Elimination
of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

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**Committee on the Elimination of
Discrimination against Women
Pre-session working group
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CEDAW/C/SYR/Q/1

List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of an initial report — Syria [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

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Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (additional) and 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 [E F S (only)]

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